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Dear Mr. Foley:

Re: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro - Approvals Required to Execute Programming Identified in the Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2021-2025 Application; and Newfoundland Power Inc. - 2021 Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Application - Requests for Information

Enclosed are Requests for Information TC-PUB-NP-001 to TC-PUB-NP-005 regarding the above-noted application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Jacqui Glynn, by email, jglynn@pub.nl.ca or telephone (709) 726-6781.

Sincerely,


Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary

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1 **IN THE MATTER OF** the *Public*
2 *Utilities Act*, (the “Act”); and
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4 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by
5 Newfoundland Power Inc. for the approval of an
6 economic test and a deferral account to provide
7 for recovery of costs proposed to be incurred in
8 2021 for customer electrification programs,
9 pursuant to sections 58 and 80 of the *Act*; and
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11 **IN THE MATTER OF** an application by
12 Newfoundland Power Inc. for the approval of
13 supplemental 2021 capital expenditures related
14 to the construction of an Electric Vehicle Charging
15 Network, pursuant to section 41(3) of the *Act*.

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REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

TC-PUB-NP-001 to TC-PUB-NP-005

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- 1 **TC-PUB-NP-001** Further to PUB-NP-064 please provide the net present value analysis and
 2 the estimated rate mitigation benefit for the proposed electrification
 3 program, including all components except incentives for EV purchases.
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- 5 **TC-PUB-NP-002** Please provide a copy of the 2019 survey completed by MQO Research Inc.
 6 referenced in footnote 56, page 25 of the Evidence.
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- 8 **TC-PUB-NP-003** The Dunsky report states on page 30 that incentive programs could
 9 accelerate adoption in the short-term, but have a limited long term impact
 10 compared to infrastructure deployment and may not be a suitable approach
 11 for intervention.
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- 13 In response to PUB-NP-036 Newfoundland Power stated that EV incentives
 14 are not expected to be required over the longer term and increasing the
 15 adoption of EVs over the short term through incentives will have multiple
 16 benefits.
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- 18 (a) Please explain on what basis Newfoundland Power has chosen to
 19 adopt incentive programs, even on a short term basis, when Dunsky
 20 has questioned whether they are a suitable approach for intervention.
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- 22 (b) Please explain why Newfoundland Power has chosen to adopt
 23 incentive programs when such incentives are already being offered by
 24 the provincial and federal governments.
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- 26 **TC-PUB-NP-004** Page 31 of the Dunsky report, Figures 0-15 and 0-16 which show the
 27 adoption projections and electricity sales impacts of a diversified \$20M
 28 investment over 10 years to promote EV adoption in the province.
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- 30 (a) Does the diversified \$20M diversified investment include incentives
 31 as well? If investments other than DCFC are included, please provide
 32 details of all investments that are included.
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- 34 (b) If investments other than DCFC are not included in the \$20M
 35 investment, please update Figure 0-15 and 0-16 for other elements of
 36 the program such as incentives.
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- 38 (c) If investments other than DCFC are not included in the modelled
 39 \$20M investment, has Newfoundland Power analyzed whether
 40 including incentives would impact the adopted projections and
 41 electricity sales impacts and therefore, Newfoundland Power's
 42 calculation of rate mitigation savings?

1 **TC-PUB-NP-005**

The Electrification Program included in the 2021 Electrification, Conservation and Demand Management Application was presented for the period 2021-2025.

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- (a) Significant time has passed since the filing of first Newfoundland Power’s application and then Hydro’s application, which applications have now been joined. Please update PUB-NP-008, PUB-NP-009, PUB-NP-039, PUB-NP-040, PUB-NP-063 and PUB-NP-064, the Net Present Value analysis and any other tables/analysis that may have been impacted as a result of this time passage.
- (b) Are there any changes in the market since the filing of the Applications that would impact the information included in the Applications? For example, the increase of 14.7 cents per kWh included in the Provincial Government’s recently announced rate mitigation plan and whether the amounts of the proposed EV incentives are still appropriate. Please include any market changes in the updates requested above.

DATED at St. John’s, Newfoundland this 16th day of February, 2022.

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Cheryl Blundon
Board Secretary